(c) what are the details of such Groups?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) and (b) Group Dialling have been provided in 925 Short Distance Charging Areas.

(c) Number of the Groups Working Telecom, circlewise.

Sl. No.	Name of the Circle	No. of SDCAS where group Dialling is available
1.	Andhra Pradesh	124
2.	Assam	25
3.	Bihar	57
4.	Gujarat	65
5.	Haryana	39
6.	Himachal Pradesh	12
7.	Jammu and Kashmir	5
8.	Karnataka	57
9.	Kerala	48
10.	Madhya Pradesh	105
11.	Maharashtra	57
12.	North East	9
13.	Orissa	82
14.	Punjab	40
15.	Rajasthan	70
16.	Tamilnadu	75
17.	Uttar Pradesh	39
18.	West Bengal	10
19.	Bombay	2
20.	Calcutta	2
21.	Delhi	1
22.	Madras	1
	TOTAL	925

Threat of strike by programme staff of AIR & Doordarshan

*128. SHRI MURLADHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Programme staff of All India Radio and Doordarshan had threatened around April 5, 1993 to go on strike to press their demands;

(b) if so, what were their demands; and

(c) what steps have since been taken by Government to resolve the dispute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) to (c) Yes Sir, The demands of the Programme Staff Association of All India Radio and Doordarshan included better promotional avenues and improvement of their service conditions etc. The Association called off their agitation on 6-4-1993 based on discussions between their representatives and the officials of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, with a view to redressing their demands.

Theft of cables and PCM equipments in Delhi

*129. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM :

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a newsitem captioned "MTNL has its own woes" as reported in the Hindustan Times dated the 1st April 1993;

(b) if so, what are the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the theft of cable and PCM equipments has hit MTNL severely in Delhi;

(d) if so, the number of such theft cases held during the last one year as on 31st March 1993; and

(e) what action Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Theft of underground cable and PCM equipments is continuing to take place in Delhi, at time disrupting telephone service to a large number of customers.

(d) The number of such thefts that have taken place from 1st April, 1992 to 31st March, 1993 are as follows :

Cable Thefts

(PCM EQUIPMENT THEFTS)

Cable Thefts	152
PCM Equimbment Thefts	45
Total Thefts :	197

(e) The following measures have been taken to reduce incidence of thefts of cable/PCM equipment.

1. Intensive patrolling of important cable routes.
2. Close co-ordination with the Police Authorities.
3. Double locking of manhole covers on duct routes and provision of external chain and lock arrangement for PCM cabinets.
4. Burrying of cables in concrete in open culverts.
5. Installation of Alarm Circuits for cables on vulnerable routes.

राहुल सांकृत्यायन के शताब्दी वर्ष के दौरान उनकी पुस्तकों का प्रकाशन

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(क) क्या राहुल शताब्दी वर्ष के दौरान महापंडित राहुल सांकृत्यायन की पुस्तकों के प्रकाशन का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के. पी. सिंह देव) :